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Export of Non-Basmati Rice to China
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has stopped import of non-basmati rice from India and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(b) the details of export of non-basmati rice to China in the last five years before it stopped importing the said product, year-wise and variety-wise;
(c) whether China has taken any decision to allow market access to India"s non-basmati rice and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the position of China with regard to import of pharmaceuticals from India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
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(a, b & c) : Market access for export of non-basmati rice has not yet been confirmed. A team from AQSIQ China visited India during September 2016 for field verification of rice mills registered with Ministry of Agriculture for export of rice to China. 14 mills have been approved by China for export of Basmati rice. As regards export of non-Basmati rice, the protocol signed between Plant Quarantine agencies of the two countries is to be reviewed by the Chinese side. Market access for export of non-Basmati rice to China can be confirmed only after the review of the protocol and signing of the same between China and India. As per the data available from the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), small quantities of non-basmati rice have been exported to China during the last 5 years, as per following details:

Quantity in MT; Value in US$ Million

2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
0	0	1625.05	0.62	1743.39	0.62	498.12	0.35	3797.9	2.25

(d): India holds 0.11% share of China's imports of Formulations and is the 31st largest importing partner (source: UN Comtrade).
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